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RECAP/Operational
Project Outline on CATARATA

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1. Information objectives:

It is planned to use Catarata as a contact man and spotter in the Vienna Redcap program, rather than as an agent whose primary duty is the gathering of information. For details on specific targets, see paragraph 2 below.

2. Specific targets:

a. Exploration of Vienna blackmarket channels for Redcap possibilities. Soviet citizens dealing in the black market would be relatively easy to approach and, with careful planning, to blackmail.

b. Exploration of the Vienna underworld for possible Redcap contacts. Attempts to use Vienna prostitutes as possible contacts has thus far fallen through, largely because we have been unable to find a reliable Austrian to exploit this possibility. Other means of contact may also possibly exist: gambling, drug addiction, etc.

c. Spade work and contact man for specific Austrians already in contact with one or more Soviets. Final recruitment will in many cases have to be done by American staff personnel and spade work (police and neighborhood checks) will in most cases be better handled by Austrian agent personnel, but it is anticipated that cases will arise under this category in which Subject will be of use.

3. Covert personnel:

Subject and any additional agents recruited to him locally.

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4. Proposed method of control and contact:

a. Subject is motivated both ideologically and financially. His family background is aristocratic. He was adjutant to General VLACH in the RGA. His work on the Aerobus project was considered excellent by RGA. In addition, he will be giving up active management of his small legitimate business in Germany to come to Vienna. The financial advantages of working with the AIS would probably be enough to control Subject satisfactorily; but his ideological motivation is the largest factor in determining his loyalty. Subject has once been subjected to the Carriage and seemed to be much impressed with the reliability of the machine. It is planned to tell him that he will be given periodic tests as a routine matter.

b. Contact will be made as the situation requires, but not less than once a week. Emergency contact, in the form of a telephone number, will also be provided.

5. Proposed cover:

a. Agent. Subject has stated that he can arrange his own commercial cover, once he is in Vienna. This cover will be used primarily for the Austrian police and other interested officials. Subject's second (and real) cover will be that of petty blackmarketeer. Subject will not be permitted to engage in extensive blackmarket activities and will be encouraged to keep actual illegal transactions to a minimum. A certain amount of genuine blackmarket activity, however, will be necessary, both to maintain cover and to provide operational access to the Vienna underworld.

b.c. Case officer and organization. From Subject's work in the Aerobus project, he is aware that he is working for an unidentified American intelligence organization.

6. Estimated Costs:

a. Contract status. Subject has not been offered a contract and as yet has not requested one. It will be advisable, however, to put Subject on contract, once he has demonstrated his worth--possibly after three or four months in Vienna.

b. Supplies. American cigarettes and whiskey will be provided as required for Subject's personal consumption, not to exceed one carton of cigarettes and one bottle of whiskey weekly.

c. Money salary per month: \$200 plus 1,000 schillings. Five DM per diem to be paid to Mrs. Catarata in Germany.

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d. Travel and other expenses: Official travel as approved in advance by case officer. Other official expenses (entertainment, etc.) commensurate with results produced.

e. Allowance: As such will not be furnished, Subject will be given an allowance, not to exceed \$500 monthly, to rent rooms consistent with his cover and usable as a safe house for his own operations. Rental of quarters will be subject to the case officer's approval.

f. Possible disposal costs:

(1) and (2) If dropped or compromised through no fault of his own, Subject will be first offered to HOB for use in the agent training or agent recruitment programs. If HOB for any reason is not willing to accept Subject, he can be easily dropped in Germany. Subject plans to retain ownership of his store and can presumably return to active management whenever he so desires.

(3) If captured or killed: Although no commitment has been made, Subject should be given some assurance that if he is captured or killed, his wife and child will not be left helpless. It is suggested that Subject's contract contain a clause to the effect that if he disappears in line of duty, his wife will receive a lump sum of \$5,000 and assistance in emigrating to the United States, if she so desires.

g. Other organizational obligations: None.

7. Other major factors:

None.

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